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PRECEDENCE: 31 OCT 56 ROUTINE PRIORITY

COUNTRY: EUROPEAN SATELLITES

SUBJECT: ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL REVOLTS

REFERENCES

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1. THE HUNGARIAN REBELS ARE NOT UNITED ON THE QUESTION WHETHER TO ACCEPT IMRE NAGY AS PREMIER OR TO GO ALL THE WAY FOR A WESTERN-TYPE DEMOCRACY. THE HUNGARIAN ARMY IS INCLINED TO ACCEPT NAGY IF HE HOLDS HIMSELF ALOOF FROM MOSCOW.

2. THE POPULARITY OF WLADISLAW GOMULKA DEPENDS ON TWO FACTORS:

A. HOW CLOSELY HE IDENTIFIES HIMSELF WITH THE OVERWHELMINGLY ANTI-SOVIET FEELING OF THE POPULATION, A FEELING WHICH HAS INCREASED THROUGH THE EVENTS IN HUNGARY.

B. WHETHER HE CAN IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION.

3. IT IS STILL UNLIKELY THAT DISTURBANCES WILL SPREAD TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS LONG AS THE SITUATION IN HUNGARY AND POLAND REMAINS UNCLEAR.

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4. IN EAST GERMANY, IT IS STILL BELIEVED THAT THE POPULATION KNOWS THERE ARE TWO MANY SOVIET TROOPS IN THE COUNTRY TO MAKE A REBELLION WORTHWHILE.

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